

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Schön et al

TITLE: DEVICE FOR VARIABLE ACTUATION OF GAS  
EXCHANGE VALVES OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINES AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE  
DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH APPLICATION  
TO AVOID MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination of the present application, please  
amend as follows: